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**Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
granted Observer Status with the
African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

**INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC SESSION OF THE 75th ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN
COMMISSION 03 - 13 MAY AND 23 MAY 2023**

I have the honour to inform all Non-governmental Organization (NGOs) granted observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights that the 75th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (the Commission) would be held in Banjul, Republic of The Gambia from 03 to 23 May 2023, and to invite them to the **Public Session** scheduled to be held from **03 – 13 May 2023**, and the Closing Ceremony on **23 May 2023**.

The 75th Ordinary Session would be held in hybrid format. Representatives of NGOs who would be participating virtually may do so using the following Zoom webinar link:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9HFjHBQvTBeva3bt0x1Mzw

Please note that NGOs are expected to bear the expenses relating to the participation of their representative(s).

The Preliminary Registration Form can be filled out online on the website of the African Commission www.achpr.au.int under the section "News and Media - Upcoming Events – 75th Ordinary Session". A Notice with further guidelines on the Session, an Information Note and the draft Agenda of the Public Session have been uploaded on the same section.

Representatives of NGOs wishing to participate physically in the Session are advised to take the necessary vaccinations, and to travel with their vaccination cards. Representatives coming from countries which require entry visa to the Republic of The Gambia are advised to obtain visas before travelling. For those who do not have Embassies or diplomatic representation of The Gambia in their respective countries of residence, measures shall be taken to facilitate the issuance of visas upon arrival in Banjul, provided they have submitted their Registration forms and copies of their passport bio data pages to the Secretariat of the Commission.

NGOs wishing to speak on any of the Agenda items are strictly required to register with the Secretariat of the Commission in advance, and to **send to the Secretariat copies of the statements** they intend to make. This is a pre-requisite for being granted permission to speak during the Sessions and would be strictly adhered to. Please kindly note that only NGOs with Observer Status will be allowed to take the floor before the Commission.

Sincerely



Ms. Lindiwe Khumalo
Ag. Executive Secretary to the Commission

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